

the 1950s, the under secretary of state. Some officials there regard Mr. Bowles as an outspoken advocate of the President's own ideas and others as a political embarrassment. Accordingly, the first group wants the President to keep him on and the latter to fire him at once.

One suggestion has been that he be sent to Chile as ambassador and another that he should be given the post as envoy to Brazil, although this has already been promised to Lincoln Gordon, a Cambridge, Mass., professor and former official of the International Cooperation Administration.

If, however, the issue of policy and administration cannot be resolved between the President and Mr. Bowles, it is highly unlikely that he will remain in the administration in any capacity.

As a result, he has tended to blame Mr. Bowles for these delays, since the under secretary's office is presumed to be responsible for the administration of the Department of State.

All this has produced the first major quarrel in the administration. Part of it is personal. Mr. Bowles has always been a controversial figure within the Democratic Party, regarded by the conservatives, the Southerners as a devotee of a planned economy and the welfare state.

Unpopular Issues

He has been a supporter of issues that are unpopular with the conservative wing of the Democratic Party, such as price-fixing during the war, foreign aid and discussion of the problem of the admission of the Chinese Communists into the U.N.

What makes this a particularly sharp debate within the Democratic Party here is that President Kennedy himself is understood to favor many of the controversial positions Mr. Bowles takes, but is embarrassed politically by the frankness with which Mr. Bowles states his views.

All this was discussed between Mr. Bowles and the President last Thursday. They came to no resolution of the problem at that time, and since then Mr. Bowles' opponents have been openly demanding his resignation.

It is known that within the White House there is a difference of opinion on what should